

CITY CLUB STUDIES WOES OF POLICEMAN

Leon G. Godley Pictures Him
Hedged About by 737
"Angel" Rules.

URGES PROBATION SYSTEM

Policemen constituted the beginning and the ending but not the middle of the City Club's second Saturday luncheon yesterday. Commissioner Arthur Woods, baffled by the Ball case, and the detective bureau, of which he has just taken personal charge, couldn't attend, but he sent three deputy police commissioners instead. An ex-deputy police commissioner, Clement J. Driscoll, was also present.

The luncheon was presided over by Dr. Woods Hutchinson, who demanded a minimum wage of \$3 a day for every grown man and fresh air for himself and his auditors. He got the fresh air.

"The psychology of the cop is simple," said First Deputy Police Commissioner Leon G. Godley, speaking first. "He wants fair play. He doesn't want to be punished when he hasn't done wrong and he wants others punished when they do wrong."

"A policeman came to me the other day mad as hell," he said. "Another man and I were caught off post. I admit it. Same offense for us both. He has a poor record. I have a clean one. He got fined one day's pay and I got fined two days pay. That's not fair. If we both had been fined three days I shouldn't have said a word."

"This man had a just grievance. It is the same when the court doesn't stand back of the policeman."

"There are 737 rules of the department, all designed, as some one has said, to make an angel. For making these there are just three penalties—reprimand, fine and dismissal. If a man is off post it now costs him \$12 out of a salary of \$100 to \$120 a month and it doesn't matter whether he was off post two minutes or two hours."

"If you get down late to your office nothing happens; but let the policeman report late to his station house, and anywhere from \$3 to \$10 fine happens. And it comes out of the living of the policeman's family."

"We are tied hand and foot by legislation. We are not trying to come out of a probation system. Since I have been trial commissioner it has worked well. Only one out of ten policemen with suspended sentences has come back as a second offender."

"I have been a stickler for truth telling at the police trials and have been lenient in serious cases where the man told the truth. A policeman was charged with drunkenness, one of the worst possible offenses. If it were proved, he would never be able to get his job. It is a 'breaking charge'—one entailing dismissal from the force."

"This man pleaded guilty, but showed a clean record. He was asked to stop drinking man. I suspended sentence for one year, giving him to understand that if I so much as heard of his taking a drink in the year I would put him off the force. Seven months have passed, and he hasn't taken a drink yet. I don't think he will. Wasn't that better than disgracing him for good and crippling his family?"

"Why can't we legalize this police probation system, if it needs legalizing? Why can't the policeman have the same chance to mend that the criminal does?"

Dr. Hutchinson on Schools.
Dr. Woods Hutchinson, the doctor-author, whose recent plea that the walls of the schoolhouses be torn down was fresh in the audience's mind, said:

"The schools should include in their curricula things for which boys and girls used to be punished—such as playing truant. The reason was simply put by the parent who wrote to ask that Johnnie might have a holiday 'in order that he may learn something.'"

"My prescription for the present industrial unrest would be a minimum wage of \$3 a day for every grown man and head of every family. [Isolated but spirited applause.] The same thing, with a \$3 a day minimum, has been applied at the Ford factory, where this year there were 14,000 men at work, 200 less than last year. In spite of the profit sharing the profits have been 40 per cent, I believe."

"If any one here," said Dr. Hutchinson at a sudden tangent, "ever heard of fresh air I wish we might have a little. I will attend free of charge any one who catches cold because of it."

Shortly thereafter fresh air was to be felt about the feet. The doctor wound up with some observations as to the relatively small number of criminals they constitute, he said, usually but one-fourth of 1 per cent, and could we have a policeman to look after every criminal our police force would be greatly diminished."

Commissioner of Charities Kingsbury, on his way out, was plucked back for a speech by the voice of Frederick J. Whitin, the chairman. So Mr. Kingsbury said that most of the men who are being taken care of by the police ought, as Dr. Woods Hutchinson indicated, to be cared for by the Charities Department as physically or mentally unfit.

"There is something wrong," cried Mr. Kingsbury, "when the small boy says: 'Choose it, the cop.' The small boy should feel that the cop is his big brother."

Clement Driscoll asked himself a rhetorical question, namely, "What has New York done to give the cop the right point of view?" It was answered by saying that if it were not for the politicians the hospitals would be so full of gangsters there wouldn't be seats enough to hold them.

MOVE TO OVERRIDE WILSON.

Representative Bulkeley Tries to Force His Rural Credit Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—A formidable movement to force the passage of the Hollis-Bulkeley rural credit bill has been set in motion in the House, despite opposition of President Wilson to the legislation. The movement has been organized by Representative Bulkeley, of the Committee on Banking and Currency.

If certain Democratic members of the committee vote as they talk, and Mr. Bulkeley believes they will, the bill will be reported to the House. The Administration is advised of the activities of Mr. Bulkeley and has taken steps with a view to checking them.

Both sides have canvassed the Banking and Currency Committee and discovered that the organization stands in for the Hollis-Bulkeley bill, to against and one in doubt—Representative Woods of Iowa. It was claimed today that when the vote comes Mr. Woods will line up with the anti-Administration force.

President Wilson has opposed the Hollis-Bulkeley bill because it provides that the rural credit banks proposed to be established shall receive Government aid.

Calder to Try Again for Senator.
Congressman William M. Calder of Brooklyn, who made an unsuccessful fight as the primary candidate for the Republican nomination for Senator that went to James W. Wadsworth, Jr., has formally announced to his followers in the Twelfth Assembly district that he will give them an opportunity to vote for him again for the same office in 1916, when Senator O'Gorman's term expires.

VISITORS' VIEWS CHANGE AT FREE BREAD DEPOT

Mr. Groucher and Mr. Tight See Long Line of Hungry
Men and Women and After Reflection
Promise to Be Back To-morrow.

"Hello!" exclaimed Mr. Groucher to his friend Mr. Tight as that team of well known characters rounded the corner from the Bowery into First street yesterday afternoon. "Hello! What's there?"

"Dear me," responded Mr. Tight, who was small and weakened, "if that don't look like a—like a—why, it is a bread line. This is very bad, Mr. Groucher, very bad, indeed, giving something for nothing."

"Upon my word!" burst out Mr. Groucher, "what are we coming to? Pauperizing more able bodied men and women and undermining the morals, sir, of boys and girls?"

But Mr. Groucher did not finish, for at that instant a very feeble old man wearing dark blue spectacles inadvertently bumped into Mr. Groucher in passing.

"Here, you," cried Groucher, wheeling toward the old man, whose loaf of bread had been jolted from his hand by the impact, "what do you mean by running into gentlemen on the streets? Humph!" This as he espied the loaf rolling into a muddy gutter. "You've been begging, too, have you?"

The old man gazed for a moment at the two men as if he were about to say something, but evidently thinking better of it merely mumbled an apology and limped toward the gutter to pick up his dampened loaf. Just as he was in the act of stooping down Tom Merry's voice called from the doorway of No. 9:

Gets a Clean Loaf.

"Here, papa. Never mind that. Here's a clean loaf for you." And as he spoke Merry, who had beheld the accident, ran out with a fresh loaf. Having handed it to the old fellow and seeing that Groucher and Tight were well dressed and had all the appearance of being gentlemen, Merry turned to them with his usual smile and said, "How do you do?"

Messrs. Groucher and Tight grunted in unison by way of response.

"Won't you come in, gentlemen, and look on for a while. Perhaps you're interested. There are signs to be seen here that will open your eyes, I'm sure."

Mr. Groucher looked back at Mr. Tight and Mr. Tight looked back at Mr. Groucher.

"Right this way, gentlemen," said Merry. "It's warm in here and it's dry. We have no chairs, but you may sit in the windows if you like. There are reserved seats for you, as it were. Sorry that it's not a box. But you'll see things here that you'll never see on any stage from any box, and that's the truth."

The two men had followed Merry into the place, walking gingerly and holding their coats close about them as if they were afraid of some sort of contamination.

"Now, you don't mean to tell me, do you?" asked Mr. Tight, looking at the line

of miserably clothed men and women who were lined up just him, "that these fellows haven't any money?"

"Yes, sir," replied Merry, "that's just it; and they haven't any jobs, and the great majority of them have tried day after day and week after week to find work and haven't been able to."

"Impossible!" ejaculated Mr. Groucher, with an air of great moral superiority, "impossible!"

"But look at 'em for yourself, sir. You surely don't think these men and these women, too, allow themselves to get so hungry that they can help it. There, look at that man. And Tom pointed to a likely looking young fellow who had broken a loaf over his knee and was eating the bread in great hunks as he walked out.

Hundreds Without Underwear.

"Now, sir, you just watch their faces and judge for yourself," Merry went on, "examining their clothes, too, and ask yourself if any able bodied man will choose of his own accord to wear such ragged and tattered clothing in midwinter. You will see that scarcely one of them wears an ankle while the *Lower and Banker*, a journal of this city, which sent out 3,000 letters evenly divided between the two parties."

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Newark Celebration Sub-Committee.
NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 19.—Edgar G. Franklin Murphy, chairman of the Committee of One Hundred to arrange for the 25th anniversary celebration of this city in 1916, appointed as a sub-committee today Izal M. McCarter, Christian W. Feigenspan, John Cotton Dana, James R. Nugent, Charles Bradley and Forrest B. Dryden. A permanent memorial building will be erected in connection with the celebration.

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Ireland, Says Texan, Leads England in Sending Men Forth to Fight.

The White Star liner Baltic, with 300 passengers and 4,588 sacks of Christmas mail came into port yesterday after passing through a succession of strong gales, during which the sea ran high. Representative Benjamin T. Cable of Illinois went down the bay on the cutter to meet Mrs. Cable, who was a passenger.

E. Eugene Nottz, a German, who had been manager of a coffee house in Havre, was one of the passengers. His coffee house had been confiscated, he said, and his personal loss was \$2,000,000. Mr. Nottz and his daughter will make their home in New York until after the war.

Col. M. P. Kelly of Gainesville, Tex., who returned from Ireland, said that enlistment for the war in Ireland had been 25 per cent greater than in England in proportion to population.

Sir Horace Plunkett of Ireland, who came to look after his property in Canada, said that a majority of the Irish people were loyal to the British cause.

A. S. Sengulke, for eighteen years manager of the Hotel Savoy in London, said his German birth and name made it unpleasant for him to remain in England. He would probably remain in America, he said.

George Wishart, an American, whose home is in London, returned on the Baltic. He is the father of the late Spencer Wishart and of Baroness d'Auville von Lettenlauf, whose husband is with the German army.

Few Passengers on Potsdam.

The Holland-America liner Potsdam sailed from Hoboken yesterday for Rotterdam with but twenty passengers in the first cabin, thirty in the second and fifty in the third.

She carried 8,000 tons of cargo, including twenty-eight canal boat loads of grain for the Dutch Government. Among the passengers was Mr. P. A. Smith of Oklahoma, who is being sent to Royal Reserve Hospital No. 8 in Vienna by the American Red Cross.

GRABS \$950 AND FLEES.

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“Enter Jack Frost”

—and all in a moment, Christmas, which seemed 'way off, loomed up in front of her and made her gift-hunting expedition to Bloomingdales' the very next thing to do. Among other attractive and "Christmassy" things she saw:—

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| Skating Cap and Scarf | \$1.55 |
| Angora, all colors | Main floor. |
| Nainsook Combinations | \$3.49 |
| Val. lace trimming | Second floor. |
| Colonial Hall Clocks | \$45 |
| Cathedral gown | Fourth floor. |
| Velour Couch Covers | \$5.98 |
| Plain and embossed | Third floor. |
| Children's Bath Robes | 98c |
| Eiderdown, 2-6 yrs. | Main fl. |
| Dutch Boudoir Caps | 98c |
| Shadow lace and ribbons | 2d fl. |
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| Bugle net & rosebuds | 3d floor. |
| Crepe de Chine Camisoles | \$1.79 |
| Shadow lace sleeve | 3d floor. |
| Satin Headrests | 59c |
| Floral and Oriental | Third floor. |
| Sectional Bookcases | \$19.25 |
| Stacks of 3 | Fourth floor. |
| Leather Sheepskins | \$1.25 |
| Initial burnt free | Third floor. |
| Leather Pillows | \$3.5 |
| Mosaic Emblems, etc. | 3d fl. |
| Coffee Percolators | \$5.98 to \$11.95 |
| With alcohol lamps | Basement. |
| Damask Sets | \$4.50 to \$9.50 |
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VIOLINIST-SOLDIER FEASTED.

German and Austrian Honor Fritz Kreisler at St. Regis.

One hundred prominent Germans and Austrians, among them many leading musicians, attended a dinner at Fritz Kreisler, the violinist, in the Hotel St. Regis last evening. There was presented to him a card designed by Frankl, the Austrian architect, and bearing the inscription: "To the great Austrian patriot and artist, Fritz Kreisler, from his admiring friends and countrymen." Kreisler has just returned from Galicia, where he was wounded in a battle with the Cossacks.

Consul-General von Nuber of Austria-Hungary presided. Rudin Goldmark, the composer; Dr. Sigmund Breitenfeld and Victor F. Kridder of the *Stadte-Zeitung* spoke.

In the committee in charge of the banquet were Rudolf Berger, Dr. Breitenfeld, Walter Damosch, Emil Fischel, Nathan Franko, Rudin Goldmark, Dr. M. Zeman, Alfred Hertz, Sigmund Hertz, Josef Josef, Franz Kreisler, Dr. Felix Pfeiffer, Gustav Porger, Victor P. Elder, Leopold Salzer, Heinrich Schmidt, the Rev. Ambrose Schumacher, A. F. Steiner, Josef Strand, Hans C. Stricker, Theodore Sutor and C. H. Wolfman.

Among the guests were Dr. C. Rubner of Columbia, Dr. Otto Schramm, Wilhelm Ebnath, Frederick T. Steinway, William W. Hinshaw, Harold Bauer, Albert von Doenhoff, Oscar Saenger, L. Koomenich, Leo Schulz, Otto Goritz, Theodore Spiering, Herr von Rozwadowski, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Friedman, Ernest Uchis, Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Plink and Ferdinand von Inten.

STRAWS SAY HUGHES AND LANE.

Result of Canvass for Presidential Candidates in 1916.

United States Supreme Court Justice Hughes, Republican, and Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane, Democrat, got the most votes from their respective parties for President of the United States to succeed Mr. Wilson in a canvass of leading lawyers and bankers of the country.

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